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What: Forestry Day

**Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS**

When: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; April 17, 2014

Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum to Host Forestry Day

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum located on Lakeland Drive in Jackson will celebrate the beauty, history, and importance of the forestry industry during Forestry Day on April 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. During Forestry Day, visitors will have the opportunity to explore Mississippi State University's Wood Magic Trailer, a traveling classroom that demonstrates the importance of wood and wood products to individuals and the nation's economy. Visitors can also tour the Nature Trail, a 300-yard trail winding through 10 acres of forestland, and the Small Town Sawmill. The Small Town Sawmill was once located in Jefferson Davis County and is representative of early mills developed before the turn of the century which accommodated the needs of the local community. It contains a circular saw and is run by a diesel motor.

Forestry, currently a \$1.2 billion industry in Mississippi, has played an important role in molding the history and heritage of the state. The exhibits inside the Heritage Center gallery tell the story of forestry in the state by giving visitors the opportunity to see how the industry has changed throughout the years including the tools and equipment used in harvesting logs and transforming them into wood products.

Admission to Forestry Day is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and members of the military, and \$4 for children ages 3-18. The Ag Museum will be offering a business special from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. when admission is only \$1 with a business card. Bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic on the grounds.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition to the gallery and exhibit spaces, the Ag Museum also has room for events, whether it's a meeting, a wedding, or other special event. For more information about the Museum, call (601) 432-4500, visit www.msagmuseum.org, or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook. The Ag Museum is a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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